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Member News and Rides

The June meeting at the Creekside had about 11 attendees. Many members were gone due to attending the MOA National Rally in Oregon.

Don rode with **Deb** and **Phil** to the 49er Rally in Mariposa. He said that he camped there, the first time that he'd been camping in several years.

It was noted that Highway 150 is closed 2.1 miles west of Santa Paula at Mupu Road, to Stonegate Road, due to a mudslide.



Summer Picnic

The annual summer picnic is **Saturday, July 13** at Michael's and Veronica's home, 2634 Hacienda Way, Santa Barbara, starting at 1 p.m.

The Club will supply tri-tip, chicken, and non-alcoholic beverages. Members are asked to

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bring side dishes: appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. Bring your own beverages if you wish. Coolers are provided.

Parking is limited at the house, so please ride your bike if possible. There is a lot of space for bike parking in the backyard.

There will also be a gear exchange, so bring any extra or no-longer-needed gear to trade, sell or give away.



Technical Topic: Motorcycle Rental and Storage

Cody led the talk for June. He investigated a number of rental companies and members discussed the pros and cons of rentals. There are not too many rental companies in the immediate area. Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles all have rental companies.

EagleRider has many offices, including in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. They have a big fleet and allow you to pick up and drop off the bike at different locations. Bike selections include BMW, Harley-Davidson, Royal Enfield and Yamaha. [EagleRider](#)

Hertz Ride is located in Las Vegas. They offer H-D and BMW bikes, but you can only pick-up and drop-off at the same location, if renting in Las Vegas. Hertz Ride does offer rentals in Europe and South Africa, however. [Hertz Ride](#)

MotoQuest does both guided tours and rentals. They have offices in Los Angeles, Portland, OR, and Anchorage, and they offer one-way rentals. They carry BMW and Suzuki. [MotoQuest](#)

Twisted Road allows you to rent a bike from a private owner, or you can rent out your bike to others. The owner reviews the renter's information and can then confirm or reject the rental. Both owner and renter meet in person before the renter takes the bike. Twisted Road offers insurance for both riders and owners.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Saturday, July 13: Annual summer picnic! See more details on Page 1.
- ❖ August 2-4: Campout at Campo Alto. There will be a new moon. Cody has booked the group site and will bring water, a grill, coolers and a telescope. Campo Alto is located off Mil Potrero Highway, approximately 3 miles west of Pine Mountain Club. It is at 8250' and shaded by pines, with picnic tables and vault toilets. Contact Cody for information: codythewrenchcook@gmail.com
- ❖ Monday, August 19: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. Get there at 5:30 if you want to order dinner.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn1@gmail.com

For owners, up to \$40,000 for cash value of the bike and \$1 million of liability insurance. [Twisted Road](#)

Riders Share is another peer-to-peer bike rental company, similar to Twisted Road, with the same set-up for renter and owner, and insurance coverage for both. [Riders Share](#)

There are no specific motorcycle storage places in the area, but the various self-storage companies can be used for vehicle storage.

Not surprisingly, no members at the meeting wanted to rent out their own bikes!

Survue AI-Powered Danger Detector

Survue, a US-based startup, is building a radar-based system for bicycles that might be able to act as a warning for sketchy driving behaviors. Radar systems can indicate when another motorist is close to your vehicle.

But Survue's technology takes this idea a step further. Their system uses AI to analyze the data taken in by its sensors, and then their on-bike gadgetry can inform the rider of an impending dangerous situation—a too-close pass or a rear-end collision—and it can also flash a brake light brightly, to alert a distracted driver of an impending crash. Videos of collisions from behind and close passing vehicles are recorded using the predicted vehicle course rather than accelerometers.

Could this technology be something that would eventually find its way to motorcycles?

More information: [Survue Warning System](#)



Upcoming Events

- July 18-21: 52nd Annual Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [52nd Annual Top O' the Rockies Rally](#)
- July 27: BMW Nor Cal campout, Quaking Aspens campground, Sequoia Natl. Park. [Quaking Aspens campout](#)
- August 15-18: Annual Beartooth Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [Beartooth Rendezvous](#)
- August 24-25: Campout at Lassen, NorCal BMW event. [Campout at Lassen](#)
- September 13-16: Land of Enchantment Bavarian Mountain Weekend, Chama, NM. [Land of Enchantment Weekend](#)
- October 23-27: ADV Pahrump Rally, Pahrump, NV. This is the 10th year! [ADV Pahrump Rally](#)

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2024 MOA National Rally

By Steve Miller

Photos by Steve



Adjacent to our club campsite was another club campsite that had a vintage canvas pup tent from the 60's. It belonged to a fellow who was attending his 51st MOA Rally. That's right- he has attended ALL 51 MOA National Rallies! When having coffee Sunday morning before packing up, he was overheard saying this was the best Rally he has ever attended. That's saying something!



It was also the best Rally I have ever attended. The grassy camping was spacious, the club sites promoted excellent discussion with other clubs and the best part was meeting many like-minded people.

There were over 100 seminars covering a wide range of topics. Fran and I attended Rider Maintenance taught by a Nurse about the importance of muscle limbering before and during the riding day. Others we attended were about suspension, two-up

riding, Snell helmet certification, New Zealand touring and roundtable discussion with Mark Barnes, a long-time moto-journalist I have read for many years. I also eavesdropped on an ADV level 2 class that happened to be next to the Espresso trailer when waiting for my order.

Interesting techniques that are not all that different from dirt riding. I learned enough to know I will not be doing any of that at my age now. We did see a couple on a GS ride by with both in standing position. Told Fran we can work on that.



Many vendors attended. I revalidated I do not have a Schuberth head even though the sales guy said I could customize the helmet by purchasing replacement pads. But he would not let me try them first. Many tour companies to talk with directly was great for future travel options. We purchased Alaska sheepskin seat covers and found that they worked well. We'll discuss at a future meeting.

There was a GS Trophy Challenge which was similar to the English Trials at the 49er rally

but much more difficult. Surprisingly, more than half of the entrants were women.

A combination of good food, beer and nightly entertainment was excellent. There were 2 bands per night and a motorcycle (plus other prizes) given away every night.



We did not find time to leave and go riding during the Rally. However, the trip up and back with much meandering was great. Nearly 3k miles roundtrip found ourselves revisiting excellent roads that we have not been on in over a decade.

On the last night of the Rally, the MOA president asked how everyone liked it this year and there were calls to hold it in Redmond every year! I would definitely attend every year if that happens!

